(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Existing Rules do not provide for reservation or relaxation in educational qualifications for appointment to various Central Government services, for women candidates.

Raising the upper age limit for women

1190. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be please to state:

(a) what is the ratio of employment between men and women in Central Government Offices and PSUs;

(b) the number of people recruited in these offices during the last three years, gender-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether very few women get into Government service because by the time their children are out of their care, the women are over-age for Government service;

(d) if so, would the upper-age limit raised for women, say up to 45-50 years, to enable more and more women to join Government service for their economic emancipation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) The ratio of percentage of employment between men and women is as under:

	Men	Women
(i) Central Government Offices: (as on 31.3.2003)	91.98	: 8.02
(ii) Central Public Sector Undertakings: (as on 31.3.2004)	92.4	: 7.6

(b) and (c) As recruitment to various posts is decentralized, information in this regard is not centrally available.

(d) and (e) Such proposals have been made from time to time but no time frame has been laid down for taking a decision in the matter.

Foreign training of officials

†1191. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tendency of higher officials of the Central and State Governments touring foreign countries in the name of training has grown in recent years;

(b) if so, Ministry-wise (Centre) and State-wise (State) details of the officials gone abroad during the last two years;

(c) the details of amount spent and achievements made from the said trainings/tours;

(d) the details of steps to be taken by Government to keep a check on such lavish expenditure in the name of said tours and rationalise them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (d) The nominations of Government officers for various training programmes abroad are made by the Department of Personnel and Training as well as by other Ministries/Departments as per the Ministries' own needs/requirements. These training programmes also include nominations made to the training programmes sponsored by other countries. The nominations for various training programmes in all the different Department/ Ministries are not monitored centrally.

Mid-term appraisal of Tenth Plan

†1192. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the mid-term appraisal of Tenth Five Year Plan period, the targets fixed in the country are not going to be achieved;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.